

Application No. 09/404,570

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 are pending in the application. Claim 22 is allowed. The Board of Appeals affirmed the Examiner's rejections of claims 1 to 6, 8, 9, and 11 to 21. The Board of Appeals reversed the Examiner's rejections of claims 7, 10, 23, and 24. The Board of Appeals entered a new ground of rejection against claim 24.

Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has amended claims 7, 10, 23, and 24 to place them in independent form. Applicant has also amended claims 2 to 6, 9, and 11 to 18 to make them dependent from allowable claim 23, and has amended claim 8 to make it dependent from allowable claim 7. Claims 19 and 20 depend from claim 18. Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the aldehyde copolymer ink vehicle is poly ((phenyl glycidyl ether)-co-formaldehyde), poly ((o-cresyl glycidyl ether)-co-formaldehyde), or mixtures thereof. Applicant has also added additional claims depending from allowable claim 7 and from allowable claim 10.

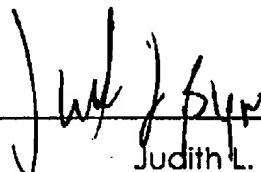
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 24. The Board of Appeals has stated that claim 24 is dependent on claim 1 and recites that the aldehyde copolymer ink vehicle recited in claim 1 is, *inter alia*, poly(p-toluenesulfonamide-co-formaldehyde), which is suggested in Schwarz. Applicant points out, however, that claim 24 also recites the exact list of nonpolymeric aldehyde viscosity modifiers recited in claim 10, which the Board held to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant believes claim 24 to be allowable for the reasons set forth in the Board's decision with respect to claim 10.

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Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments and distinctions place the claims in condition for allowance, and accordingly respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds for rejection.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant(s) attorney, Judith L. Byorick, at Telephone Number (585) 423-4564, Rochester, New York.

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